

Excuse in-
velope - I find
I am, dis-
of this city.

Marshfield. Mass. May. 1888

Dr. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Bro.,

I have been requested
by one of the churches in Boston
to give a lecture on Alaska, before,
or under ^{the} auspices of the American
Home Missionary Ch..

As I am called upon to give sec-
ular lectures occasionally, I
have concluded to prepare a lec-
ture long enough for a whole
evening, or about twice as long as
I shall use at a missionary meet-
ing. Mrs. L. H. Daggett, Sec. of our
Alaskan Bureau, lent me
Evan Petroff's "Report on the
Population, Industries, & Resources

of Alaska," but wants it returned immediately.

The maps and colored pictures would help in the lecture; and I would like to obtain the book. Are they published for free distribution, and can you use your influence to obtain one for me? I subscribed for the "^{North} Star," as soon as I knew such a paper was in existence, and have ~~length~~ some other works. And preparing a dialogue for children on Alaska. I went West to speak at our Conferences this Spring, and found the people very ignorant regarding this great Northland. I hope sometime to meet you and the other grand workers who have suffered so much for our Alaskan neighbors. Have some questions all ready

to ask, even if I have to wait
until we reach Heaven.

I thought while reading Mrs.
Wright's "Among the Alaskans"
I should like to know if you
and Mrs. McFarland knew
about Philip's school at Fort W.,
before you heard the bell, and
followed the people in. I would
ask, if I could see you, "What is the
correct way to pronounce Thlinket?"
Every one who has studied Alaska
must be ready to sing the Dox-
ology over the interest you have
taken in its people. Anything
in the line of information on
this interesting topic will be
thankfully received and vigorously
used by

Yours in the work of saving
the world.

Mrs. Rev. A. C. Alger,
Organizer of the Marshfield Plymouth Co.
W. H. M. S. Mass.

Ans June 9. 88.

H. J. Doh Mission

Haw Can Alaska

May 5 - 1888

Dr. Bro-

Your kind letter
duly received. It came too
late for me to make any satis-
factory preparation for the
journey, and after waiting
so long in the hope of being
able to erect some of the needed
buildings here I could not
see my way clear to leave
the work this summer, as
I have no Carpenter & deem
it wise to look after the
finances for which I must
be responsible.

I hope you will not
feel that I undervalue your
kindness or that I cannot
appreciate the chance of a

life time to visit - Such a meeting
as the assembly Centennial
at Philadelphia ^{and} not least
the privilege of representing
the Pres. of Alaska in it.

Among many things I have
denied my self. I have found
few if any brought a harder
struggle than this.

I can but be in
great suspense until I hear
from Wife & Daughter and
it is anxiety we must
so long endure. Pray
we may be patient and
submissive.

I send a set for
18 cords of wood furnished,
think they have enough
to finish the term. The
continued cold, with the
house yet - unciled calls
for "plenty fire".

This leaves us quite
well here & reasonably
prosperous -

I do not think I
will send Curries &c by
Steamer, She usually
comes in on the way
down. we may have
a better opportunity
this summer and you
may see for yourself
and get what you want
& pay as you think
best.

Fraternally
J. Loomis Gould

United States Senate,

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 5, 1888

Dear Mr Jackson:

As soon as the Nelson report appears in the Doc. Room you shall have a copy if I can get it.

I send you a copy of the latest "Directory" which I know you appreciate —

When you want "docs" write to me.

I saw the notice of your death or supposed demise and was astounded.

But was glad to hear of its incorrectness.

You can congratulate yourself on the fallibility of the newspaper.

The prospect for a long session is extremely favorable — some say middle of August —

I guess Aug 1st will see us out of town —

When you return to Washington or Carlisle do not fail to bring me some curios from ^{Alaska}

My wife is very fond of them for her mantle piece.
For my part I would like some minerals

Truly yours,

S. D. Caldwell

929 1/2 N. Y. Ave.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Sitka, Alaska

Killbuck. May 6/88

Dr. Jackson,

Dear Sir-

Your kind note of April 20th. rec'd.

Allow me to express my gratitude for the favor rec'd.
you have relieved me from a source of great annoyance
and worryment.

Sincerely
May Ransom.
Killbuck.

N.B. Will you please ^{execute this} order.

Jackson Clearing
May 7th 1888

Rev. Sheldon Jackson DD

Dear Brother

I received your letter order and check. I am afraid I cannot fill your yellow cedar order by June 1st I will do all I can - yellow cedar is scarce. The spruce order I will begin at once. Doctor why don't you come here and see me you will then know how I am situated and under what disadvantages I labor. My mill works well - and if I could get you interested in it I know I could accomplish more. I wish you would come I have many things to ask you - Let me thank you from the bottom of my heart for your kind words you gave Mrs Ham about me - I will never forget your kindness - I have other things to thank you for. But when we meet then I will open my heart to you -

I am forever your friend
W D M Leedy

THE MAIL AND EXPRESS,
NEW YORK.

May 7, 1888.

Dear Dr. Jackson.

I have received your favor of 20th ult. and thank you for your kind words.

If you have the time or the inclination to write occasional articles on Alaska, I would be very glad to publish them in the Mail & Express over your signature, or if you write anything in the shape of a paragraph, criticizing the action of Gov. Swineford, or the Democratic administration generally, I will insert them editorially.

With kindest regards

Very truly yours

Elliott T. Shepard
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Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson.

HENRY E. HAYDON.
Clerk, Ex-Officio Secretary
and Treasurer.

District of Alaska,

CLERK'S OFFICE,

Sitka, May 9th, 1888.

Rev Sheldon Jackson.
Sitka

Dear Sir.

Judge Darnon is out this morning.
I am fit to select you as a jury
commissioner to act in concert with me
in drawing a petit jury.

I should be pleased to have
your assistance, either this afternoon, or
as soon thereafter, as may be convenient
for you.

Please inform the bearer when
I may expect you at my office, and
oblige.

Yours very respectfully
H. E. Haydon
Clerk.

53. Eastern Avenue

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June 9. 88.

Worcester Mass. May 5. 1888
Dr. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Sir.

I have just finished reading, reading your very interesting report on "Education in Alaska", published in "Bureau of Education Circular for 1887". I found the report very interesting indeed, and now will ask a great favor. I have, as a member

of the senior class, in
the Normal School, at
Worcester, been given
as a subject for my
thesis; "Alaskan Education."

After reading your
report, it occurred to
me that by writing to
you I might be able
to get valuable information concerning my
subject. If you will
kindly give me any
information in regard
to the schools, salaries
of teachers, or anything
which relates to school

work. I shall esteem
it a very great favor.

Very Respectfully

(Miss) Helen F. Walker

Washington, D. C.,

May 12, 1888.

Sir:

Referring to the International Exhibition, which will open at Melbourne, Australia, on the 1st day of August next, I have the honor to inform you that the Government of Victoria has particularly invited exhibits to show the organization, methods, and appliances for instruction, in the different countries which will be represented.

The U. S. Commissioners are anxious to have as many of our institutions as possible participate, and will do all in their power to have them receive the proper credit and recognition.

My address, until May 20th, will be 1726 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D. C.; and after that date, care of the U. S. Consul General, Melbourne, Australia.

Trusting to receive a favorable reply,

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

ADOLPH MARIX,

Secretary.

WM. GARDNER & CO.,
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CLEVELAND BEER PUMPS, ETC.

OFFICE, 134 THIRD STREET.

Portland, Oregon, May 19 1888

Sheldon Jackson Esq.
Gen'l Agent Education
Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of Feb 10/88 to the Gurney Heater Co. has been referred to us, and not having heard from you, we take the liberty of calling your attention to the fact that we can supply you with Gurney Heaters, Radiators, Pipe, Fittings, Valves, &c; everything in fact necessary in the construction of a Heating Apparatus either for Steam or Hot Water, at as low prices as any Eastern firm; or if you will kindly forward us with a sketch showing the number and dimensions of the rooms you desire heated mentioning height of ceilings number and location of doors and windows, and any other general information you may have bearing on the subject we will give you an estimate of the entire apparatus put in and guarantee satisfaction. Or if you prefer to buy the material of us and have some one in Alaska do the work, we will furnish instructions which if followed will give satisfactory results; as the season is advancing we would suggest the present as a good time to have the work begun so as to have the apparatus completed before the cold weather sets in.

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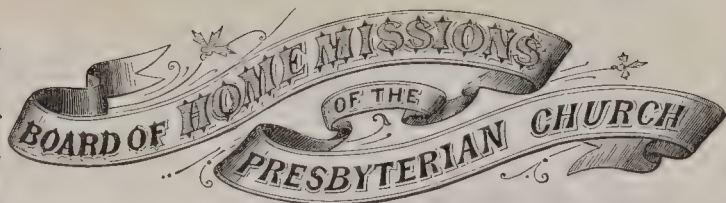
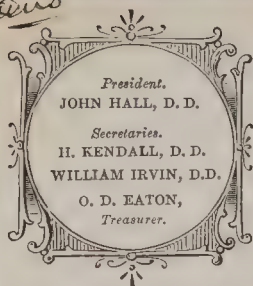
Portland, Oregon,

1888

We have recently furnished an apparatus to the Light House at Tillamook Rock, which was constructed by the keeper according to Our instructions and it proved very satisfactory during the past Winter which (at 6° below zero) was very severe for this coast; We understand the winters at Sitka are not much more severe than off the Oregon Coast but if desired We of course will make any necessary allowance for colder weather, in proportioning the apparatus; We enclose a list of references for apparatus furnished by Us prior to 1887. We have many more furnished in 1887-8 to whom We can refer You, the lists of which are not yet printed, but We write a few of them on the back of the older list, hoping to hear from You at Your convenience. We are,

Yours Respectfully,
Wm Gardner & Co.

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P. O. Box 1938.

No. 280 Broadway.

New York, May 25 1888

Dear Dr Jackson

At our last meeting we placed Mr Austin on our list of Home Missions Preachers. All the others are on this list except McFarland of Moorah. There seemed to be some doubt in the minds of the Board as to which list he should be on. Does he teach, or preach, or both? If both which is he most of a preacher or teacher?

Yours truly

JN.
(Copy) Fort Mangell. Alaska. May 23. 1888
Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Sir Bring well acquainted with the Management of the Training School in this place in all its details, I am sorry to say that it is a disgraceful failure and should be discontinued at once.

In September last this School was brought officially to my notice, when I was under the disagreeable necessity of reminding Mrs Young of the detestable Condition of Affairs then existing and also of calling her attention to the obligations she had assumed and failed to comply with towards the Government and the Indians. And I advised her at that time to abandon the effort to establish a training school, which she consented to do at the end of this fiscal year, June 30. 1888.

I was very much surprised when Miss Robinson, Mr Lake's wife arrived here in the employ of Mrs Young, and I learned that she was making a determined effort to continue the so called training school. Training schools like Colleges are not made, but grow. To establish a training school here, would require a large outlay of Capital, as nothing of the present school could be used. And the farm belonging to the so called training school, is of no value. It has never produced anything but debts and an annual loss of about a thousand dollars. There is nothing in the surroundings or circumstances to justify the founding of a training school in this place. One good training school in this Territory is all that is required, and the one at Sitka now in successful operation is sufficient to

to accomodate all who need such educational advantages

A Home for the protection & instruction of young girls, if properly managed would be of great utility and an important aid to the mission work in this place. A home could be conducted very cheaply. The Government buildings with some repairs are ample to accomodate twenty five or thirty girls, and the buildings can be occupied free of rent and for any length of time.

There is also the best Government School in the Territory, which the inmates of the Home can attend without cost, as the Government pays all expenses.

The Church building here is a good one, and the Church and Sabbath School are well organized and in good condition.

Very respectfully yours

(Signed) James Sheakley
U.S. Commissioner.



Connecticut Indian Association.

Hartford, Conn., May 24 1888

Dear Rev. Jackson,

As soon as
you have anything to report
in regard to the two cottages
in which I feel an interest,
I shall be glad to hear from
you. My annual report
is due in Nov. Before that
time I suppose the houses will
be built and occupied - and
I can give a full account
- if necessary - in the report.

I hope you are feeling en-
-compassed in your work.

We are wondering who is
to take Mr. Atkins place, when
he steps down, and well - as
it is said he will do the middle
of June. Mr. Thayer is speaking
of, - and I don't know but he will
"do". He has a - a particular
religious principle, and is a
very strong partisan, - but he is a
pretty sensible man, and aims
to be quite just. I think.

You will be sorry to hear
that our mutual friend, Mrs
Joseph Cook, is seriously ill
of nervous exhaustion.

Very truly yours
Sara T. Hemenway
4 Winthrop St.

Wm. Van Gaskin,
President.

Amos F. Tullis,
Vice-President.

Wm. Birmingham,
Sec. and Treas.

Alaska Mercantile and Packing Company.

General Commission Agency.

Principal Office:
TACOMA, W. T.

Branch Office:
JUNEAU, ALASKA.

Juneau, Alaska, May 28th 1888

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
Sitka, Alaska.

My Dear Sir

The train in Stacey left there at Juneau by H. Martin of Hoonah, Alaska, a lot of fancy made Indian work, consisting of Baskets, Jugs, Basins, plates, Canoes &c. for you. He stating that you had instructed him last fall to buy all of those articles from the natives he could, we hold them subject to your order, or till we can hear from you. There is ~~about~~ ^{from} \$17500 to \$20000 worth of them. Will you please state, by return mail, your intentions in regard to them.

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Very Truly Yours
Alaska Mercantile & P. Co
Wm Van Gaskin
Manager

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Flourish of pen, May 25th 1841
The country of the East
Gibson, Co. N.Y.
L. H. Smith

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Gibson, Co. N.Y.
L. H. Smith
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 Hope to be with you in a short time. The weather is
 very warm here now. I am well.
 Yours truly,
 F. M. Garrison.

W. C. T. U.
Free Kindergarten,
704 E. BALTIMORE STREET.

\$ 1.

Baltimore, Md. May 29 1889

Rev Sheldon Jackson.

Dear Sir

Enclosed you will find \$1.00 from the little children of the Free Kindergarten to the children of Sitka. This is a gift from willing hearts & I believe they'll all be blessed, for when I talked to them of the little ones who do not know of Jesus they said they wanted to send their pennies to help to buy books or send a teacher to tell them their faces lighted up with interest & I found they told the story in their homes, & brought back their pennies in response. This gift comes from the poorest children in Baltimore may we not ask & believe that from among them some one

may in time go forth to
that same region, with the
glad news thereof.

Yours in the love
of Christ

Mrs L. L. Welsh,

ans

Red Bluff Cala,
May 24, 1888

Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson
Sitka Alaska

My Dear Doctor

I send you herewith the last numbers of Science, with greeting from the semi-tropical climate of California. I hope you have succeeded in getting all your buildings finished and that you can rest for awhile. But I suppose to do this is foreign to your disposition, and no doubt your busy brain is engaged in maturing greater works in Alaska than heretofore. Although we like our new home and the new-found friends, yet these cannot make up for the ties we severed in Alaska a few short months ago. We have not ceased to regret our departure, though God has prospered us more than we deserve every way. Everything we have touched in the way of real estate has increased in value,

and although for the present it leaves us very poor -
the near future will make us independent of the
Service - a consummation most devoutly hoped for, as all
those who are in it can testify. I haven't received
the "North Star" regularly, at all. What is the matter?
I think in all I have received about 2 numbers.

What has been done with the "Alaskan Stock". Clark
told me that he had turned it over to Major Perry. A
rather cool proceeding but not being there I could not help
it. I wish you would take charge of it - and
make out of it whatever you can by joining it
with your own. Would like to prosecute the matter
only as I said before am completely tied up financially
for the present. Mrs. McLean joins me in kindest
regards, and desires with me to be remembered to all our
friends at the Mission. We shall live in hopes
of paying a flying trip to Alaska some of these
days.

Sincerely Yours

John G. McLean

Baltimore, June 1888

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Sir,

My dear Sir,

Allow me to introduce
Mr. & Mrs Bonaparte of Balti-
more who have heard so
much of the beauties & wonders
of Alaska, that they are going
to see for themselves. They are
interested in all good things, &
I hope they will meet you & see
the native population as you
see them, in the Training school, par-
ticularly. Yours very truly J. B. Gilman

Fort Wanyell June 4 1888

Rev Sheldon Jackson Esq

My Dear Sir

Miss McAvoy

left for her home last night on
the ship Eldon. She was overcome
with joy when she received
your kind letter containing the
news of her reappearance and
we are all gratified and wish
to thank you most heartily for
your efforts in her behalf -
Mr. Burns will ^{see} the school this
week which will mark out
the full term.

The ship came in
sooner than we expected and
Miss Mc had only time to sign
the vouchers in block of having
filled them out and send them
to you.

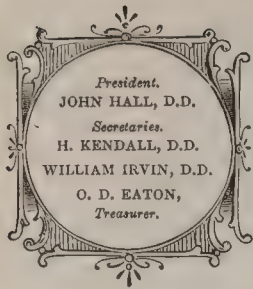
I am glad that my letter - of the
23^d May met your approval I
feared that you would think it too
severe but you know that I did
not make it half what the facts
warranted justifying

Mrs Sheakley will not arrive
until the next Ancon which will
be the same that will take you
this letter

Miss M^r. will explain to you the
reason of her early departure
for her home when she meets
you

Please remember me to Miss
Kelsey and Mrs Chilson and oblige
Yours Friend

James Sheakley



The Board of Home Missions

OF

The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America,

[Station D.]

53 Fifth Avenue, New York.

June 7, 1888

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D. D.

Sitka, Alaska

Dear Brother:-

I have received your letter about the 34 Duncan boys &c. We hear from the Ladies that you have taken two of the Sitka teachers and put them into Government Schools, which is a great breach of trust on their part, and which would be inexcusable, if you were not at the bottom of it, and which, it seems to us, is quite inexcusable in you. What you can mean by subjecting the Ladies to the expense of transporting teachers to Sitka and running all the risk of their proving failures, and then your taking them out, when they prove to be successful and useful, and have become accustomed to that kind of work, is more than I can conjecture, and a great deal more than I can reconcile with my sense of right.

We are very much disposed (and I think we should do it if we could hit them) to write to those teachers the wrong they have inflicted on the school and on the Board, but I expect it would be throwing away time to no purpose. The Ladies have not a single teacher in prospect, whom they regard suitable for that field, and it seems you have reduced the school to one teacher after adding

Note. Dr Kendall lived to retract the Strictures in this letter and greatly rejoice that so many Dettakakhta (Duncan's) boys were taken into the Silta School
S.F.
1904

34 pupils. You cannot stop that kind of business too soon.

I beg you not to meddle with the teachers at Fort Wrangell, or with any of the employes. I think we shall continue the school in some form, indeed I am very much opposed to abandoning it. I understand there is force enough there now to keep the thing running until we can find a missionary, which we are trying to do. Don't interfere with it until you have heard more from us.

As we understand it, there is no room for these Duncan boys in the school. It would be a pity to have to send them back. What do you propose to do about it? You have dumped them in there without permission or request. Where are they going to sleep? I think you had better attend to that. Who is going to cook for them, and how are they to be absorbed in the general work of the school, and their ~~hands~~ ^{genius} hands as full as they can be, and their room occupied? I don't see why you hav'nt got to give your genius to that subject at once; I don't see why you hav'nt got to devise some place for them to sleep, at all events, and then, how is one woman going to teach over 100 pupils? You brought about that state of things, you must find a way out of it, not set down those boys and then run away and leave them there. Please give your attention to that subject.

I enclose \$20.00 for you to get one of those stone totems for Mrs. Kendall.

Yours truly,

H. Kendall

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Yours truly,

H. Kendall

Metlakahle 9 June 1888

Dear Dr. Jackson

Your letter of the 1st inst^t reached me in due course. With reference to this lumber you order - I am very sorry not to be able to send it all once.

We have no cedar logs 20 ft. left in our boom - none longer than 18 ft. We have however plenty of spruce logs 20 ft. if spruce will do. Please let us know. If you must have cedar I will get off the first then available to procure some ^{20 ft.} ~~cedar~~ logs for your order, but if spruce will serve we can send what you need by next-
Elder. As we have no freighter coming to bring a steamer to Metlakahle for some time - we shall have to send lumber for you by boats to Tongue. I mean to catch steamer. This will of course increase the expense.

The last Elder had a large quantity
of freight for this place and we
expected her to come in and land
it on her way up. The Captain planned
otherwise & ^{occasioned} ~~gave~~ us a great deal
of trouble & loss - especially on account
of our Saw Mill - by presuming to
keep our freight eight days longer
on board his vessel than he had
any need to

I suppose the boys would be
disappointed in receiving no letters
until a batch of letters & some
parcels for them were thus left
behind. They go by this mail
we hope - as I started sending a box
early in the morning Saturday -
to Fryers Narrows to catch the
Anchor

We were all very glad to
hear from W. Kelly that the

two sick boys are recovering. I hope
to hear by return that they are fully
restored to health.

A few days ago I received the
papers from Washington in reference
to a Post Office being established here.

If the arrangement is carried
out - which is at present proposed -
as I gather from the papers - we
shall be no better off than before.
For as it seems to have our mail
sent to Loring & from thence brought
by special conveyance. This -
would never do in the winter
for we might be a week unable to
travel to Loring if snow or stormy
weather.

We have from 50 to 80 children at
School daily - but at this season we
cannot expect more.

With very kind regards to the friends
associated with you in your good work
Believe me, your sincere friend
M. D. M.

[illegible]

The following are the names of the
 persons who have been
 named in the list of names
 which have been given
 to the children of the
 family of the late
 John A. Smith, who
 was born in the year
 1800, and died in the
 year 1850.

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 was born in the year
 1800, and died in the
 year 1850.

Dear Mr. [unclear]
[unclear] Bay & [unclear]
June 25th 1875.

Dear Mr. [unclear]

When I took time this
A.M. to sort up my
notes and look over
[unclear] & I find I
have given you [unclear] & ex-
tended [unclear] - where I [unclear]
[unclear] - the last two [unclear]
types of [unclear] are
[unclear] me - after
I have [unclear] up [unclear] [unclear]
the [unclear] to [unclear]
and [unclear] [unclear]

This arrangement I
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 packet making memorandum
 of the receipt of it being
 but when I have to pay
 the 500 I, without going
 over and checking off
 the accounts which would
 have shown me the sum
 just gave you 250 so
 check and the 250 left
 from my 500 when
 you see I had made sure
 I gave you just 250
 forgetting the circumstance
 of receiving the 500 in

I have had the love to
Mr. White and to his
people for it and have
now found it of great value
I hope it is for you - I wish
I see you at some
of I fear to see him that
I will know it soon as
possible - I am sorry to
have made the mistake
which you do not
understand - I wish you
had asked me to
as that now they have
called my attention to it.
There is a lot of good

For a subscription to the copy
of 2000⁰⁰ all of which
will be paid except the 200
from Mr. Blythe, which
he is to accept from the
Church on his return
of the 2000⁰⁰ I have
Jan. 193-

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the 2000⁰⁰ to be paid
to Mr. Blythe 10- leaving
the 1900⁰⁰ as above
which I will send you
with or without introduction
yourself. He is a
planter in the country.

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of all these statistics

now. I will repeat some
slight addition to the figure
of our pub - I have sent
for reply to any or all the
questions I may be much
troubled - also I have
the most perfect copy of
your letter. I have also
the other one I might feel
it is better to send both - the
one with the letter of the
mayor I can't find it but you
know it. I have also a
few other letters of the
which I have with me. I have
in the office of the

London June 1848

Dear Dr. Wilson

Some fine material

Drift No. 1 of kind that
being collected for I am
willing to make up the
series of subscriptions in
fact of all the subscribers
Drift No. 2 in England etc
which is in the hands of
from this

If you should publish the
opinion received in your
papers of course the
good may be done as far
as the effect of the
series is concerned

My dear Mr. Garrison
I am very glad
to hear that the
rights will be given to
the South. I am sure
I can find some
right to say or do
before trying one
hundred times over
N. P. L. R.

Have been a member
since 1848. You
know how much
I have in my heart
for the cause.

P.S.

What is your opinion as to the different
explanation on the origin
of animals? I am
glad; also what is the
idea of your students
in reference to the fact
that do they believe in
the "happy hunting ground"
and if so, how or what is
their belief about their
spirits passing into birds
or other kinds of animals
as it only comes, also
their belief as to the resurrection

Wells, Aug. 26. The local market
is very poor. No grain, no
oil, no butter, no eggs, no
meat, no fruit, no vegetables.

THE MAIL AND EXPRESS,
NEW YORK.

June, 5. 1855

Wm. L. Garrison, Esq.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor

to be informed that

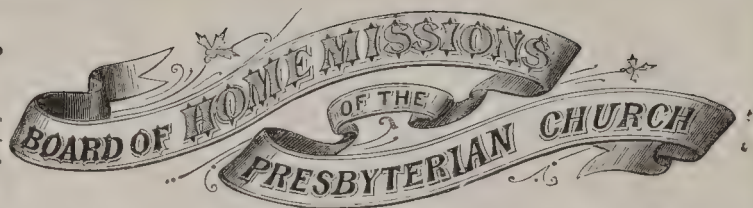
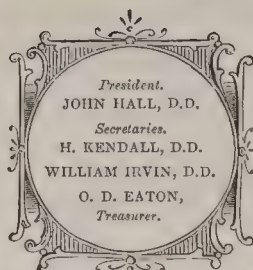
you have been

appointed

to the office of

Secretary of the

Anti-Slavery Society.
Yours truly,
C. L. Briggs



P. O. Box 1938.

No. 280 Broadway.

E. Bloomfield New York, July 16 1888

Dear Bro. Jackson.

Yours of 29. ult. lies before me. Men say that if we were in your place we should probably do just as you do; my reply is that if you were in our place you would probably write just such letters as we do!

One reason why we write as we do is because it is only in reply to just such letters that we can get the reasons for ^{your} doing as you have done. This does not pertain to you more than to many others. Having stirred you up as I did we

got a very satisfactory
statement of why you
have done so. If you had
given ^{it in} your letter in the
first place I should have
had no occasion to write
as I did.

Nearly every thing you
ask for had been attended
to & done as you desired
before I left New York
two weeks ago.

Yours truly
H. Kimball

OFFICE OF H. F. LAKE,

MUSICAL DIRECTOR,

INSTRUCTOR AND TEACHER OF BRASS BANDS.



H. F.

.....1888.

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OFFICE OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE

WISCONSIN CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY.

JOHN A. STEWART, } Trustees.
EDWIN H. ABBOT, }

Milwaukee, June 21st, 1888.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson or Rev. Mr. Austin,

The Mission School,

Sitka, Alaska.

My Dear Sir:-

Allow me to introduce to you my friends Messrs George and Benjamin Miller, whom I have recommended to see you. They are college graduates and members of the bar and much interested in the general matters which the Alaskan Societies have in charge.

With much regard,

Yours Respectfully,

Edwin H. Abbot

*I am waiting to hear from the Indians how much
it is known to resist, & what has been done by the "Native
Art department."*

SWA.

Edwin C. Abbott
June 21, 1888.

Fort Wrangel, Alaska. June 22nd 1888

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Dr. Jackson,

We returned from our five weeks' absence at Klovack. However, arriving home the 12th, just too late to reach you by last mail. We had a most pleasant & favorable trip, going as far as Foester Is. & making a fine collection of birds, as well as thoroughly enjoying our visit. W.L. was rather belligerent at first, but directly afterwards angelic in his sweeteners. He would give me no answer when I asked him what to tell you in regard to lumber, except to say that he would write you himself. So I can only give you the situation as I left it, leaving you to make your own inferences. It was three weeks from the time I reached Howcon until I left there finally. W.L. was only at the mill during that time part of one day - neither did he do a whole day's work elsewhere. He said the water was too low to saw. I did not visit the mill, but

but Mr Gould & my brother gave it as their judgement
that one day's work on the dam would give plenty
of water to run the mill at all seasons & all the
time. I left Howcan June 4th. No lumber had been
cut for you at that time. Some young men - none
more out after logs, but I do not know how many
they had cut. M^r L. was paying them by the ~~task~~ day,
& they were working alone.

Further; Mr. Gould had the abolition of ten
thirds of Mrs. M^r L.'s Home up, & part of it - inclosed, but
want of lumber again, & his workmen almost at
a standstill. He had logs at the mill, & would insist
upon M^r L. sawing them before filling your order.
I will not venture to predict when you can get your
lumber. You have all my data, & M^r L.'s letter besides,
& can do your own estimating. I can tell you this
however; that it will be a happy day for all the
workers at Howcan, and a good day for the mission,
when another man is put in charge of that mill.

Mr. Leurie, poor man, is in wretched health,
a walking skeleton, and I fear for the future. His
good wife is nobly working away, but is much concerned
for her husband. He has had a severe attack of ague &

does not rally. If he could be taken for part
of the summer for a visit to some of the other mis-
sions where he could be roused and interested & could
have a change of diet, it might save his life. We
urged him to bring his family & spend a couple
of months at Mbongel, but he said that he had lost
so much time from school that he must make
it up by teaching this summer. His wife has been
doing the teaching & preaching. Mr. Currie has
become despondent & inactive, & spends much of
his time brooding over his complaints & experiment-
ing upon himself. He needs change of scene & new
channels of thought. Can't you do something for him?
It is a pity to let such a thoroughly good & devoted man
lie prone to perdition. I cannot give you a better idea of
the state into which he has fallen than to state the
fact that, for weeks before our visit, and during it,
he did not undress, but slept with two coats & his pants
& stockings on, although he was strong enough to carry
in wood & water, & to eat as much of Mrs. C's peculiar
southern cooking as I could. Of course you will regard
this as confidential, but I am anxious that you
should arouse him if possible. I did what I could

but was careful not to mortify him. I did not see
the school in session, arriving the last of the week & leav-
ing early Monday.

Miss Clara Gould's school is excellent
in every respect, & the new school-house convenient
& comfortable.

I leave by this Elder. My address for
a little while will be at Dr Lindseys, 968 Center
Street, Oakland. I don't know where I will
settle.

We are closing the T. T. School. Can't run it
without funds. I hope you will second Mr. & Mrs.
Licker's applications for positions in the Sitka Training
School. I have written to Mr Kelly in their behalf.

I received my letter to the Rev. of St Francisco
thank you.

Good bye to you & to Alaska, & love them

Yours as ever,

L. Hall Young.

Washington, D. C.

June 22nd, 1888.

My Dear Dr. Jackson, The appointment to the Sitka school was received last week and is gratefully accepted. I will leave here August 1st and hope to be in Sitka a few days before school begins. If there is any thing you would like attended to here I shall be glad to do it for you. The amendment offered (yesterday) in the House about the Alaska Appropriation was lost, 32 ayes to 45 noes.

Randall was as disagreeable as usual. If you have any advice to give or suggestions to make about my trip I shall be glad to hear from you.

With many thanks, Your friend, M. Desha.

St. Michael, Alaska.

June 25th 1888.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

My dear Sir,

For your

letters and school reports which I received at St. Michael I am much obliged. My first doing in Unalaklik was to build a house. After a course of months I had with much difficulty a small building ready.

In September last a school was opened for the natives. But as I only had a very small room it was a place for but few children.

The children who attended at school made good progress. One Indian boy who also understood the Russian language so learned during the winter that in the spring he was able to converse in the English language. Other boys learned the Russian

but and were also able to read
simple sentences.

My intention is to teach the chil-
dren the English language and
educate them to be civilized and
Christian people.

I am now going to San Francisco to
get a larger building for school
purpose because in this place is no
room to be gotten.

~~Please continue in prayer for me~~
~~and my work~~

I am
Respectfully yours

Carl E. Furlson

My address will be
538 Jessie St.
San Francisco Cal.

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53 Fifth Avenue, New York..... June 25th. 1888

Rev Sheldon Jackson, D.D. Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sir:-

Your recent letters have reached us safely but we have not replied promptly, as we could not answer positively. Your letter of April 20th we have kept before us for reference. ^{things} Some ~~matters~~ which you tell us Mr. Mc Whirt will certainly prevent his being commissioned for our work, therefore it is necessary for us to find other helpers for Mrs Mc Farland.

I have learned in some way that the workers at Wrangell are not Presbyterians. If this is so, that is strong reason for our not commissioning them, although further inquiry into the matter may make it seem wise to do so.

The Woman's Ex. Com. will certainly ask to have Mrs Harding agree to relieve ~~at~~ the close of this year. Should the Board permit her commission to date from Sept 9th as you suggest, we should soon be rid of her peaceably. I do not know what the Board may decide to do in the matter, but when I recall the long illness that Mrs Harding had, and her absence from the field at Juneau &c, it does not seem to me that her services entitle her to so much full pay. Still that may be ^{the} better way to look at the matter. *over*

We regret exceedingly that you have offered Miss Lee the Gov't school at Juneau, and the Woman's Ex. Com. does not feel willing to accept her resignation; we feel at all events that she should refund her traveling expenses. This is a matter that is proving very trying to us all. Take Miss Pakle's case. She was new in the work, the traveling expense to that remote field are heavy, at the end of the year she leaves us without hesitancy. We feel that in both cases the money should be refunded. Now we learn to our surprise that Miss Pakle has remained in the building all this time. This came to us through a recent letter of Miss Pakles, and Mrs Austin gives good reason why she should not be sent out into the town to board, but why did she accept a position that would leave her so unprotected? The same position is ^{still} vacant in the school. I refer to the charge of the laundry, and we are sadly perplexed how to fill that vacancy. Would Miss Pakle be willing to take it again? As it lies in your power to commission the Gov't workers for Alaska, we cannot but feel that you should aim to put Christian workers in the Gov't schools, ^{but-} and without doing this at our expense. We might not protest so strongly if we did not incur the ~~the~~ additional expense, although the constant changes in the school, ^{by} the removal of workers who have gained some experience and proven the right ones, is always to be regretted extremely.

We have all been extremely pained to learn of Mr Overend's death, and feel very anxious in regard to that department of the

work. We trust that Mrs Overend may feel willing to return to the field and take charge of the 'teacher's mess as suggested by Prof Kelly.

We were overwhelmed with the report of the additional pupils brought suddenly into our school, the 35 boys from Port Chester. As Dr. Kendall has written you in regard to these matters, I believe it is unnecessary for me to go into the matter any more fully, than to strongly protest in the name of the Committee against *such* steps being taken without due notice being given here, and proper arrangements made. Our Treasury is not in a condition to warrant such increased expenditures. We must be allowed the privilege of accepting or rejecting work, and arranging to meet increased expenses before we have enlarged work laid upon us.

Mr. Boyd tells me that Captain Pratt was unable to make the suits as ordered and therefore they are not on their way. I do not know what other arrangements he is making in regard to them.

Yours very sincerely
(Ans. to E.) F. L. Walker Sec.

Trinity Memorial Church
Tampa, Fla. L. M. D. Porter
110 13th St. S. St. Louis, Mo.

June 30th/88

Rev Sheldon Jackson DD -

Sitka, Alaska. My Dear Bro -

Last year Lafayette
College conferred upon me. degree
M. A. a degree I had received
over 20 years ago (see enclosed cer-
tificate) I desire to write to the
Faculty about it - soon - and ask
of them to make it - if the way be
clear some other degree - I would
like to accompany said letter
with some Testimonials of those who
know me in my Missionary work
If you can conscientiously give
me Testimonial it will be thankf-
ully received by

Yours truly

Thomas Thompson -

Indian Rights
Association

No 1305 Arch St.
Phila. Pa
June 28th 1888.

Mr W. D. Jackson

This will
be handed you by my
friend, Mr. Geo. Theobald Brown,
of Providence R. I. who is
soon to start on a journey
to the far North West.

Mr. Brown is a member
of our Association, and
is deeply interested
in the question of Indian

Civilization. It is a
pleasure to me to acquaint
him with one who has
done and suffered so
much for the Christian-
ization & the material
welfare of the Indian
race.

Believe me,

Sincerely Yours,

Herbert Welsh.

W. Sheldon Jackson.

Introduced by

Mr. Dr. Nicholas Brown.

Northfield Sem'y,
Northfield, Mass.,
June 30, '88.

Mr. Jackson,

Dear Sir,

Enclosed
please find a check
for thirty dollars,
which our Mission-
ary Society voted to
send you to help a
little in your work.

Trusting that you
will receive it safe-
ly, we remain

Yours Very Truly,
Miss. Society of N. S.

Klamath, Clatsop

July 14th 1858.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,

Sitka, Alaska

Dear Brother:

I thank
you for your kind in-
formation, and kind ex-
-cuse and that of the
Pres^{bytery} to aid me also
of the action of the
School Board.

Enclosed I send two
letters one of one a nat-
ive Chootan and the
other a Cherokee with
rather white blood.

Indian. Mr. Thompson was
born in the Cherokee
Nation and educated in
the Moravian Mission.
Came to Texas married
a white woman has
raised a large family
in the nurture and
admiration of the
Lord. Is an honored
Elder in the Pres. Church
Supports his Church liber-
ally - Built one of the
best Churches in this County
at his own expense painted.
The work of the Company
is immense. Perhaps worth
\$100,000. Please and simply
to see what humble work

for God does. I prefer Mr
Thompson's name not to be used
as he reads many of our
pamphlets and might take ex-
ception as I have not obtain-
ed his permission.

The young man Holman
was a delicate pale blood
Cherokee, unable to speak
English - his letter speaks
of you what he is. Was it con-
fessing
truth or falsity.

Please return the letters
after reading them at
your convenience,

In great haste with
kindest regards from all

I am Truly yours
S. H. Cowie

Alma

Aug 2 - 1881

Dear Mother

Dear Mother

I received three

your draft for the commission

for my soldiers - I hope

it will reach you safely

and in the best manner

and success in the

war.

Very truly

Yours truly

Alma

Metlakatla : Alaska

5th July 1888

My Dear Dr. Jackson

Your letter of the 21st ult^o was to hand by Edward Marsden. In response I have now pleasure in enclosing you here - with the monthly reports of our School for the six past months of this year.

I note what you say about your order for cedar planks remaining. I will be sure to hear further from you. That we may be sure to get the lumber you order ready for the steamer you expect to take it, - please let us know as long beforehand as possible, and in mentioning the lengths of boards you need, - will you kindly let us know if any other lengths will do - for we are sometimes short of logs of a particular length - and during summer we are short of loggers. Our mill is doing well at present. We are filling an order for 15,000 cases for a Cannery.

Yesterday we celebrated our first 4th July
in Alaska. Our people kept it right loyal.
The flag was hoisted and duly saluted.
The people in holiday dress assembled
on the beach for sports and enjoyed some
rare fun. Towards evening the children
were assembled in ^{the} School Room and served
with cakes & raisins. Later - the adults
met together in the same building and
revelled in Cakes and lime juice - after
which some stirring speeches were made
in honor of the day.

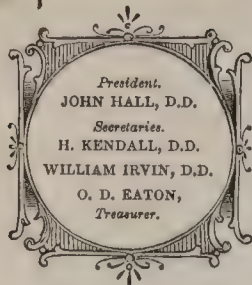
As I had a canoe waiting at Tongass
Harbors for the 'Elder' on his return from
the North - no time was lost in conveying
poor sick Joseph C'Reilly home. His
friends & the Doctor are doing their best
for him & he seems somewhat better
the last day or two - but I fear there
is little hope for his recovery.

We are all glad to learn that the
boys at School are doing well.

I see from the 'Victorian Colonial' that
the British Authorities are awakened to
the importance of ~~the~~ industrial schools,
& propose building or establishing one at
deserted Metlaketta. No doubt -
they will try their best to wipe out
the disgrace they have incurred in
their treatment of our people.

Yours very sincerely
W. Duncan

ans
July 26.



The Board of Home Missions

OF

The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America,

[Station D.]

53 Fifth Avenue, New York.

July 6th 1888

Rev Sheldon Jackson, D.D.

Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Dr.:—

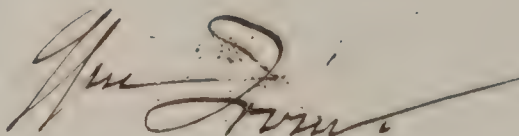
We have been considering the Fort Wrangell matter, and as far as we can reach positive conclusions at all are disposed to arrange as follows.

We will not continue the Training School, but we will maintain a Home for girls with two or three matrons, using for the latter purpose such of the present employes as we can. Then the other workers we should be disposed to send to Sitka, where more help is doubtless needed and where they can probably be readily and usefully employed. We would send for instance, Mr Lake the carpenter to Sitka; his wife of course would have to accompany him. We would also send the shoemaker there, whose name I do not have. The matter of salaries and other particulars we could arrange at a later date. Miss Rankin, formerly in Alaska, now at Denver, we understand wishes to be returned to Alaska, and we propose to send her back there.

Please let us know what you think of all this? You can judge of the matter in its various lights better than we can away off

here. The whole matter of the Wrangell arrangement has puzzled and perplexed us for a good many months. This seems to us in every way the best possible solution, but we want as soon as convenient to know what you think of it in general and in detail.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John D. Smith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed closing "Very truly yours,".

Confidential

Fort Wrangell July 7 1888

Rev Sheldon Jackson S. S.

My Dear Sir

Miss McAway has the attendance book with her I will forward your letter and the blanks to her so that she can make the reports and return them to you.

Mr Fleming was very much disappointed and very mad that his wife did not get the school. He got drunk after the steamer left and came into my room and abused you and I and every one connected with the school department but I gave him a surprise by telling him that I had taken his abuse quite long enough and that if he did not desert that I would commit him to jail and keep him there until he was sober.

He was defiant at first but when
he saw that I was in earnest and
that I was about to execute my order
he began to beg and apologise I
let him go with a warning that if
he was ever found that way again
I would have him locked up.

He has kept out of my way since.
Such men are a disgrace to the
Administration and a detriment to
the Territory.

The Wrangell Training School is
a thing of the past Mr. Gunn has gone
to California most of the boys have
gone some of the girls are going to
Hawaii. "All is well that ends well."

Very Truly Yours

James Sheakley

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Territorial Board of Education,

Unneau Sitka, Alaska, July 8, 1888

Dr Jackson

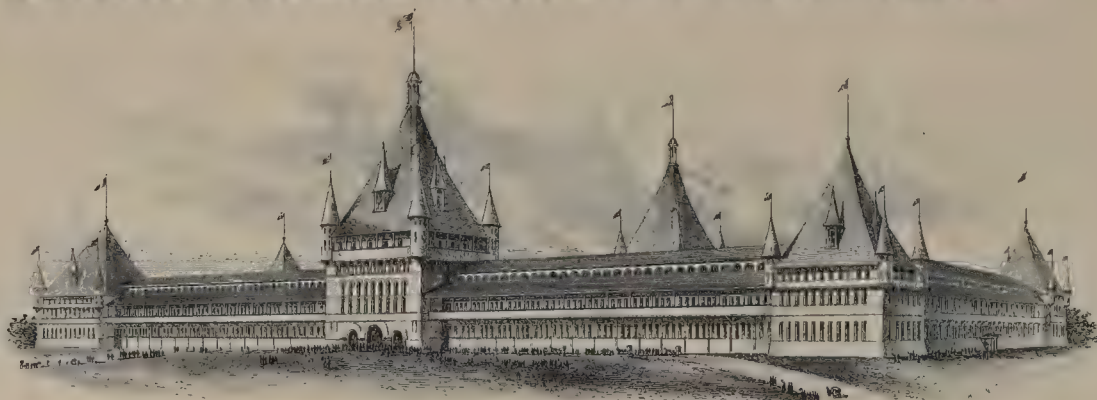
Dear Sir

We have made one trip to Chickat and found everything well. have started to paint the house. Have had our fourth of July. Have listened with interest & profit to Miss Ackerman several nights. Have put up a flag pole. Have kept up a continual talk with Indians. raised money among the people of Unneau & bought the bell that was in the Sitka trading Co's store had it put on the School House Judge Williams saying that he had no objections to a bell and would give \$1.00 towards it but Reed was hot he cursed the bell & the Sitka trading Co and everything generally went to Crawford and I'd him

to take the A - fire bell out
of there Crawford did so as he is
under the impression that Reid has
somewhat to say about accepting the
building. Now Dr. I would like to
know if there is any likely hood of the Gov't
putting a bell in the building? If not
will the board allow the bell purchased by
some of the citizens of Inman to be rung
from the bell tower on the Gov't School
building. I think Mr Brady has a bell
in Sitka of the same shape & size as
this that I bought. Reid said he would
rather buy a bell and give it himself
that have anything of old white.
I would like for his blowing & blustering
to have him ordered to either buy or better
replace the present bell, before school opens
in Sept. I think it would tell you
of what is going on. We hear nothing
of the Board or any body else & return ally
paying the debt on our home. Eugene Merrill

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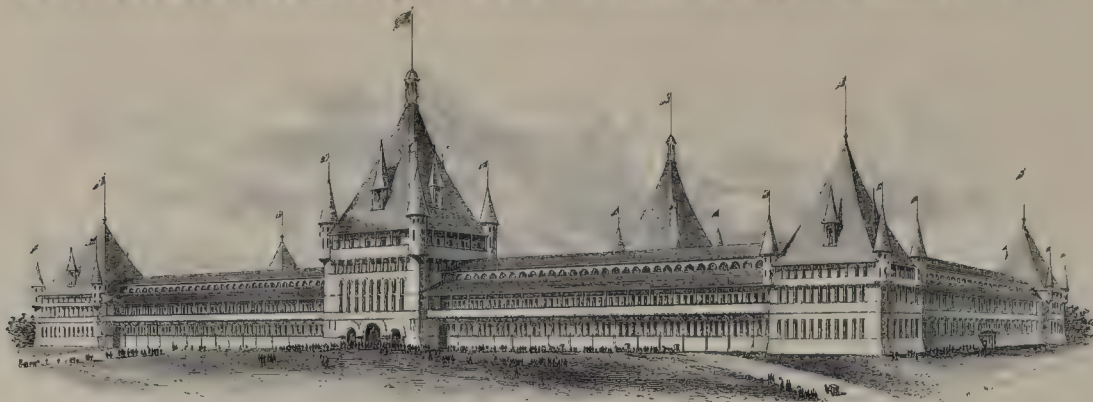
We mail you today
 copies of our Fair Journal advertising
 the International Exposition to be
 held in Buffalo on Sept 4th to 14th.

One of the features of this Exposition
 will be the Indian Department. Much
 has been said and written of late
 to try to prove the failure of the policy
 of the State and Nation toward the Indians,
 and that the many efforts that have
 been made and the thousands of dollars
 that have been spent in their behalf,
 have been in vain. The object of this
 department is to ^{place} the Indian in his true
 character and in the right light, before
 the hundreds of thousands of people
 who will visit this Fair.

To this end, we propose to divide,

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the Indian Department into two divisions: First, - The Indian as he was Second, - The Indian as he is, - making the contrast between the two as great as possible.

In the first division we expect to have some of the old Indians of the Western New York Reservations, dressed in their native costume and surrounded by the implements and utensils used one hundred or more years ago.

In the second division we intend to show the brightest pupils of the various Indian Schools of the Country engaged in different arts, such as Printing, carpenter work, sewing on machines by young Indian women, etc.

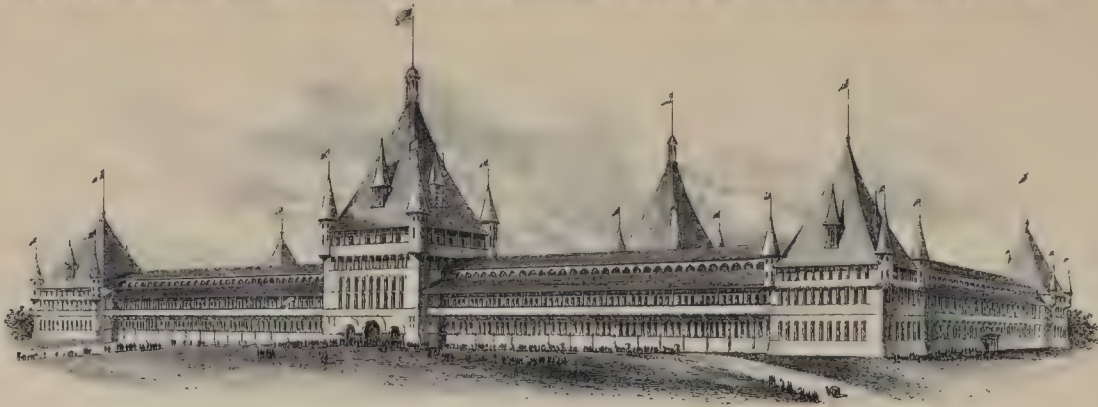
In connection with this department we wish to show the finest collection of Indian relics and curiosities ever displayed in this part of the country.

We have placed in charge of this department Mr. Frederick E. Parker,

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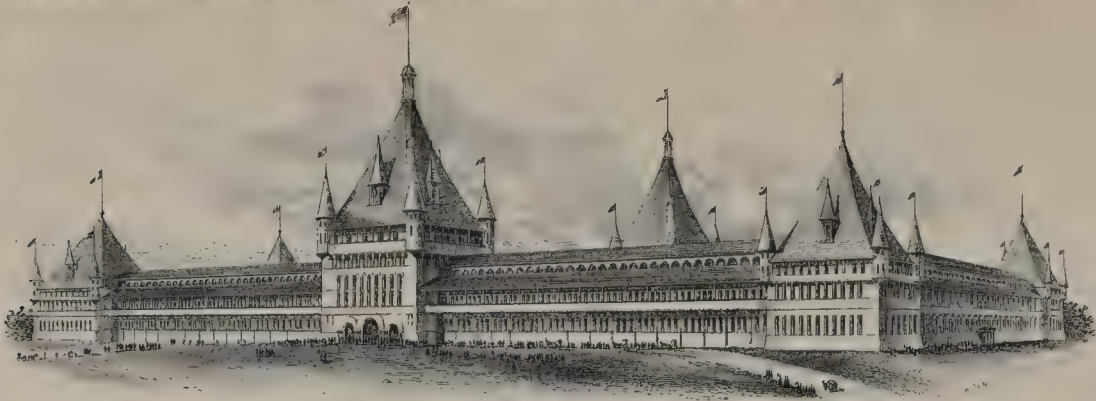
an educated Seneca Indian and a nephew of Gen. Elg S. Parker of New York.

The Indian School at Carlisle places a collection on exhibit at the Cincinnati Exposition this summer and we have written the Commissioner of Indian Affairs at Washington asking if we could not arrange to have an exhibit from Hampton at our Fair but we have not yet heard from him.

We have been directed to you by Miss Clara G. Isnersey of Rochester N.Y. as a friend to the Indians and the question we would ask is, - Can not you aid us in securing some of the pupils and specimens of their work from Hampton or some of the other Indian Schools. We are willing to bear all the expense needed

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We believe that this exhibit properly made cannot fail to be of great benefit to the Indian race and we hope for your hearty cooperation in the matter.

Very respectfully yours.

Geo. M. Bailey,
Editor Fair Journal.

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July 26

address to which reply should be sent: San Francisco, Cal.

U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey

Sub Office,

July 10, 1884.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

General Agent

Territorial Board of Education,

Sitka, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Upon the suggestion and advice of Mr. Louis Gless of the Alaska Commercial Company, I wrote to ask you whether it is practicable for the Survey to get at Sitka the services of a person competent to observe and record the time and height of each and every high and low water through a period of two months at Sitka? Is the condition of the wharf such that a tidal staff or tidal box could be safely secured to it? Is there any one who could use the levelling instrument to determine the difference of level between a given mark on the gauge and some Bench mark on shore?

One of the teachers might do the observing but that would involve his receiving two salaries which is not per-

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free.*

mitted by law.

No fixed sum has been mentioned to me as monthly payment but I suppose it would be about forty dollars. The observer would have to make readings of the tidal staff and note the times of each reading during not less than one hour at each high and low water whether day or night.

An early answer will much oblige

Yours respectfully,

Wm. Davis
Staff.

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Oberlin, O., July 13 1888

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,

Dear Brother,

Many

thanks for your thoughtful letters of introduction to the brethren in Alaska. I start to night with two friends to spend a few weeks there in some special study of the glaciers that are accessible. I expect to stop two weeks in the neighborhood of Ft. Wrangle, and about the same time at Juneau. I am deeply interested in your work there.

Very truly, *Yours*

G. F. Wright.

Titka, July 14, 1888.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson
Present.

Sir,

I take the liberty to address myself to you in regard to the offensive letter I have written about your institution.

I feel more keenly than I can express the great wrong I have committed and the pain I must have caused both you and the ladies; but I beg to assure you that when I wrote the letter I was convinced that I was stating the truth because I was under the firm impression and belief that ill-treatment was the general rule; on that fact my whole letter was based; when later I found that this was an exaggeration I saw at once that I had committed a grievous mistake and that in consequence my letter contained slander and that I had greatly offended the ladies.

I had written under an assumed name. but as I did not wish to leave the impression, as though I had wilfully and deliberately slandered your institution, I sent at once the letter to Mr. Kelly and told him that I was the author; I would not have done so, if I had slandered wilfully, for in this case I would have kept the letter to myself, and would have left my own coat; besides I know full well that slander is a great sin, and I could not find it in my heart to commit that sin wilfully.

I was in good faith when writing the letter, and therefore as soon as it arrived I acknowledged my mistake and apologized for the offence given to the parties concerned.

I cannot adequately express how much I grieve over that unfortunate and offensive letter; ever since I discovered my mistake it has been to me a constant source of grief and sorrow; the thought that I, a Catholic priest, should have written slander and offended ladies, who have never done me any harm, is haunting my mind by day and by night; that thought leaves me no rest or peace; though weary I cannot sleep, my appetite is gone, and my mind is completely distracted: I feel unhappy, wretched, miserable; and I fear that something worse may happen me. I would have given anything if it had been in my power to revoke the letter, but it was too late.

I confess that I have offended greatly, but I hope and trust that you will be kind enough to forgive me; I cannot well go to the Altar to-morrow without asking and obtaining forgiveness from those whom I have offended; and if necessary I shall come and ask forgiveness personally of each and every one whom I have offended; this unfortunate affair lies like a heavy burden on my heart and I wish to remove it as soon as possible; I shall only be too glad to write or sign a full apology, such as will rectify my mistake and repair the injury and offence caused by my letter, and to send it down by next boat.

I beg of you in the name and for the love of God to forgive me; I can assure you that I am already sorely punished in mind and body for the offence I have given, and for which I apologize with all the bitterness of my sorrow.

And you may rest assured that I shall ever be grateful to you, and that, as I never did before, so I shall never write again another word against your institution.

Yours truly

Wm L. Heynson Jr.

Please answer.

Y.M.

Presbyterian Mission Home
Sitka, Alaska.

Apology.

Editor Sentinel. In my letter of June 13 anent the ill-treatment of children in the above institution I stated on what I considered reliable authority that ill-treatment is not the exception but the general rule; I have now to state that this view is exaggerated; hence my criticisms on the institution were much too severe and I hereby retract them.

Speaking of the ladies of the Home I said that they approved of the ill-treatment and that their statements in court evinced a lamentable lack of the "refined feelings" of the fair sex; these remarks appeared to me justified at the time of writing, I look upon them now as erroneous and slanderous and therefore hasten to retract them.

I greatly regret and apologize for the mistake I made and for the offense thus given to the parties concerned.

Sitka, Alaska July 16, 1888.

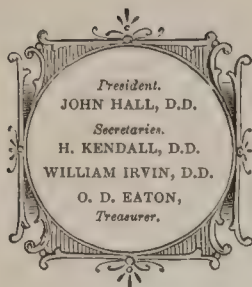
R. O. Korn

Dr. Thelton Jackson.
Present.

Sir,

I think that the apology on the other side covers the whole letter; I did not think it necessary to refer to myself because the admission that the criticisms on the institution were much too severe takes the sting out of the whole article.

Yours truly
Wm. L. Seymour



The Board of Home Missions

OF

The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America,

[Station D.]

53 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Dictated-

July 16, 1888

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,

Sitka, Alaska,

Dear Dr. Jackson:-

At its meeting held on the 26th. of June, the Board voted to pay the expenses of those 26 boys from New Metlak-ahtla to Sitka, amounting to \$241., for which I have the pleasure of enclosing the Board's check.

I am very sorry not to have been able to visit Sitka this summer.. That project was very near my heart and I had carefully planned the visit, but at the last moment I could not get off and subsequent events prove that I was wise in not trying to get away.

Please give my best wishes to all the workers at Sitka and believe me,

Very truly yours,

O. D. Eaton
Secretary

District of Alaska,

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,

Sitka, July 18th, —, 1888.

Rev Sheldon Jackson.

Sitka

Dear Sir.

I shall apply to the Court to morrow morning for the release from jail of now an Indian girl, a minor, 12 years old, committed from Juneau for petty larceny. My understanding of this case has aroused my sympathy, and also aroused my indignation. You will readily appreciate that the jail is certainly not the proper place for a child of tender years and as she is without friends, who care for her

welfare, I am very desirous that
either Mr Kelly or yourself accept
the position of Guardian for her,
thereby enabling you to put her
in the Mission Home and retain
her there, as long as possible.

On Account of Mr Kelly's
illness I address this note to you,
hoping that you will give
the matter immediate attention.

Yours very truly.

Henry E. Haydon.

E. W. WEESNER,
FRIENDS MISSION,
DOUGLAS CITY,
ALASKA, TER.

7 - 20. 1888

Rev. S. Jackson

Dear Friend.

Will there be a chance to get
rent or at least part of the
rent paid by the Board for
our school ^{house} for next year.

We had hoped to get our school
house erected this season, but
now it seems doubtful.

We are intending to give our
school children a lunch at noon
each school day. Thinking it
might induce them to attend
more regularly. We want it possible
to get every child of school age
into the school. That remains
true during the winter. We meet
with many of the little ones

children, and your church members on the Island, and we endeavor to look after, and entertain them as best we can. Keeping them from attending the dance house and other places of like scandalous character, as much as we can. Reports from our committee are encouraging for our future work here.

With best wishes for you and your work. I remain your friend.
E. W. Weesner

My Dear Mission
Alaska

July 22. 88

Dear Bro. Jackson

In replying to
yours of June 9. I ex-
tend gratitude for many
reminders by the Pres.
especially in the matter
of school & church buildings

My family had a
pleasant journey Mrs G.
was at Phil. during
assembly meeting went
on to N.Y. & returned
to her home in W.Va.

where our children
were, at her last writing
June 21 our daughter was
in a very critical con-
dition, she had not en-
tirely regained her usual

health

when she was prostrated
by trouble with her lung
has a severe cough &
we are in great distress.

The "Pinta" came
to "American Bay" yesterday
hope she may go
to Malwact, as she is
needed there.

We hoped to find
Dr. Jackson on Board.

We are in good
health & fairly pros-
perous here.

I will send
you some kind of an
out-line report.

I am glad Sister
is commissioned for
another year. She is
on good terms with

the people has been
understand & is inter-
ted in them in a way a
stranger could not see &
the school promises more
for the year than for any
past year. Besides she
is a comforting addition
to our family

Travelling
J. L. Gould

the tribe is - what name it bears
and what should be done for it,
and how to do it.

These questions might suggest -
power to do - on the part of the writer
Please do not so understand them, but

If you may be assured they are asked
through no idle curiosity. And if, amidst
so many duties, you still find time
enough to write, you will receive
the hearty thanks of

Yours with sincere respect,
Elizabeth Freeland.

of the young man untired
went ~~up~~ ^{away}, many miles down
some rough head river
to find a missionary. Having
found me, he begged the white man
to come up and say something over
his son's body ^{something} that would send
the soul to heaven. When he
found it was too late to do anything
for the dead, he ~~s. tried~~ ^{s. tried}
that some one be sent to tell his
people how to get to heaven.

But there was no one to send. He
went back alone, heavy-hearted.

Do you remember?

Has anything been done for that
chief and his tribe? If so, what?
If not, why? Will it be asking too much
of you to ask for that story again and
its sequel, if there be one? Or if that
be too much - just the sequel,
what has been done? If nothing has
been done - will you tell where

the ¹trub is - what name it bears
and what should be done for it,
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(N.Y.) Elizabeth Freeland,
#33 State St.,
Rochester,
Monroe Co.,
N.Y.

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Bryn Mawr, July 27th. 1888.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.:

My dear Doctor:

We have been disappointed in not hearing
Rudolph's
directly from you in regard to the cottage since its completion.

It has been a good while since Rudolph first wrote to us that he was occupying it, and he seemed greatly pleased to have a house of his own. I asked him to give me a full description of the cottage for the benefit of the school, and in replying he sent a hand-made sketch of the house with measurements which show a very considerable divergence from the plan you submitted to us when you were here. I sent the two plans at once to Mr. Converse; one half for he had contributed about of the entire amount sent by our school. You had said that five hundred dollars would be required to build the cottage, and as we could not make up the sum other-

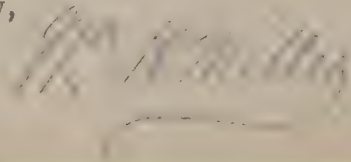
Rudolph's Cottage.

wise, Mr. Converse, very generously gave the balance, so that the enterprise might not fail for lack of funds. I felt therefore that it was owing to him that the discrepancy revealed should be submitted to his consideration. The note he wrote me, I herewith enclose to you.

The matter has caused us considerable surprise, especially since, when Mrs. Austin was here with us, she told us that the cottage, according to the estimates made by their carpenter, would not cost as much to build as you had thought at the first; but could be finished according to the original plan for less than \$400. We cannot understand therefore why a cottage so much smaller should have been erected, when you had really a surplus of funds for the purpose. And I am free to say, that our disappointment is very keen, inasmuch as so much effort was expended in order to secure the whole amount which you asked for. Still, Mr. Converse and I feel unwilling to judge the case, until we have heard from you. I had hoped to get to Alaska myself before now, but have not yet been able to carry out my desires. I trust however, that the trip is only postponed.

Please write at your convenience, and explain what has been done with our funds, and oblige,

Yours very truly,



Chetwynd,
Rosemont, Pa.

25 July, 1888.

My dear Mr. MILLER:

I have examined with interest the drawing which RUDOLPH has sent of the house built for him and which he has occupied. While I am glad that he has a house of his own, I am surprised and disappointed at its character. It does not appear to be at all such a house in size and character as we saw the plans of when we raised \$500 for the purpose. It was clearly our expectation that a house costing \$500 and worth that amount should be built for RUDOLPH with the money which we raised.

I think it would be well to ask Dr. JACKSON for an explanation

Very sincerely yours,

John H. Converse
Converse

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Department of the Interior,
U. S. BUREAU OF EDUCATION.

Territorial Board of Education,

Sitka, Alaska, Augth 30th, 1888

Rev W. H. Miller

My Dear Bro.

Yours of July 27th came
by last steamer. I should have written
you last winter concerning the Cottage
which your ^{Sabbath School} A. S. and Mr Converse enabled
us to erect for Rudolph. When I left Sitka
for the last the house was not yet fully com-
pleted. After I reached the east I was so pressed
with other matters that it entirely passed out of
mind. I am very sorry for the seeming neglect.
For I assure you that the missionaries here greatly
appreciate the kindness of yourself & people in
the interest you have all taken in Rudolph.
Now as to the cottage. When I returned to
Sitka last season, it was concluded that a
living room 12 x 19 ft in size was larger than
was necessary under the circumstances.
And as the plan ~~was~~ exhibited to you made

Made no provision for a work shop by which
Rudolph could carry on his trade of Carpenter &
No woodhouse so necessary in this rainy country
it was thought wiser to curtail the living room
& secure a shop & wood house - Consequently
a slight change was made -

The plan showed you was a building 30×20
making 600 square feet. The plan built
upon is 24 ft square with a projection 4×8
feet, making 608 square feet.

As to outside appearance there would have
been no difference only Rudolph, did not want
the hanging or projecting roofs over the windows
but elected to finish up his window tops with
a square cornice & moulding.

Donald, who has the Cottage adjoining
Rudolph, finished his windows according
to the plan ~~showed~~ which you have;
so that the outside appearance is practically
the same.

Now as to the inside arrangement, it
is found that the kitchen is too small

And I have recommended that he remove the partition back to the Stairs, which will make the room about $12 \times 9'6"$ and ~~take~~ then make a pantry in the end of the Carpenter Shop. (This is the arrangement in the three Cottages which we are building this season - and it greatly increases the Comfort & Convenience of the Cottage.)

Enclosed I send you an abstract of the Expense by which you see I paid out \$523.³³/₁₀₀

In addition to that I gave personally one Month's time, also at different times had the School boys carry lumber & do other things without any Cost to the building. If I had charged for the labor of the School boys, it would have added at least \$50 to the expense. Then there were various little things that were supplied from time to time from the Mission of which no account was made. You will notice that I received \$21.⁸⁷ more than I expended. As Rudolph charged me \$2 per day for his work on the other Cottages I felt justified in turning in that amount on the two Cottages (For Donald and Willie Miles) which I erected last year at mainly at my personal expense. However if this not satisfactory I will return it to you. Or hold it subject to your disposal.

You will remember that in order to create self reliance and not pauperize it was thought best to place the help in the form of a loan to be repaid in small installments. I greatly regret to say that I have been disappointed in this by the infiduciousness of some of the teachers who had led him to believe that your people would give

him the Cottage as a free gift. Consequently although he said he intended paying for it, I have only been able to get \$50 from him.

He receives good wages and is abundantly able to pay for it, but is exceedingly penurious & saving & begrudges ~~every~~ his family ordinary comforts ~~because it costs~~.

I do not know what drawing he sent you, only I know this, that I have had ~~a~~ two Ladies sketch the houses in order to get a good picture to send you, but ~~their efforts~~ were they failed to do the building justice and therefore I am waiting until a photographer comes along. From my experience with those who claim to be able to sketch, I do not think you have received a fair picture of the house. If you could see it with your own eyes I know you would be pleased with it.

It is a better and more comfortable house, than is possessed by any native or Russian ~~in the~~ and by 9/10^{ths} of the Americans in Sitka.

Bring one of the best dwelling houses in the place he ought to be satisfied, I judge by the tone of his letter however that he is not.

Three Cottages were erected last fall, one by your people and two by myself - This season we are building three more, largely at the expense of the Woman's National Indian Association. The boys are waiting to get married as soon as the Cottages are ready for their occupancy.

I trust I have made the matter satisfactory. If I have not, let me know -

Hoping that you may be able to visit us at an early date, I remain yours truly
Alec Jackson.

Rock Lane, West Va

July 30, '88.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D.

Dear Dr. Jackson,

I enclose reports desired. I sent reports for Dec. Jan. and Feb. but remember that I did not send duplicates.

I forgot to do so at the time, and, seeing you soon after, spoke of it. You said if you needed them, I could send them by mail.

I fear you will suffer some inconvenience.

Am having a delightful time. Judge Sheakley writes, the Home children are gone, but no one has told me where. I think the intention was to send some to Hankam.

I understood you are still in, though, on
the Steamer, I was informed that you
"must go." I said "I will only believe
that Dr. Jackson is going when he is gone"

Very Respectfully,

Lyda L. McAvoy.

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Indianapolis, Ind.July 27th,1888.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,D.D.

Sitka, Alaska.

My Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 11th inst. has been received and I thank you very sincerely for your cordial congratulations and kind words. Mrs. Harrison joins me in sending best wishes.

Very truly yours,

BENJ HARRISON.